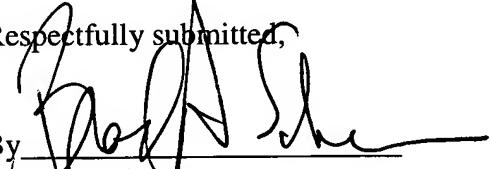


REMARKS

The Applicants have amended the first page of the Specification to reflect the updated priority data associated with the subject application. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice for possible consideration in a continuing application. New claims 19-50 have been added.

The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the subject application will include claims 19-50. In view of this Preliminary Amendment, consideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters that can be addressed in a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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